

# PRAYER AND MYSTICISM IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Saturday, April 1st, 2017

Fr. Vasilios Bassakyros will speak on the power of prayer and his experience living with the monks at St. Catherine Monastery located on Mount Sinai in Egypt.

## Schedule of Event:

10:00 AM—Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM—Lunch

1:00 PM—Documentary on St. Catherine's Monastery

2-5 PM—Lecture followed by discussion

5:00 PM—Light Meal

6:00 PM—Great Vespers

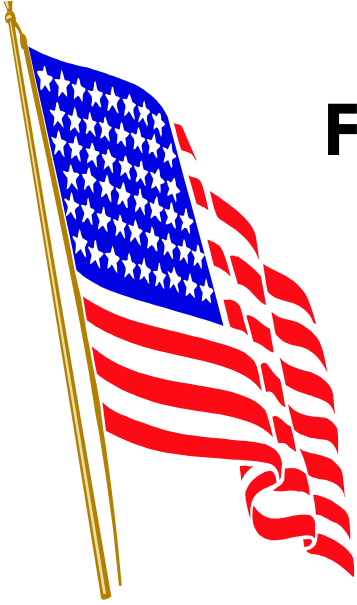


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The V. Rev. Archimandrite Bassakyros studied at St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary and is currently the pastor of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Gramercy Park, NY. He is also the host of *Spiritual Enlightenment* on NGTV (New Greek TV, Inc.)

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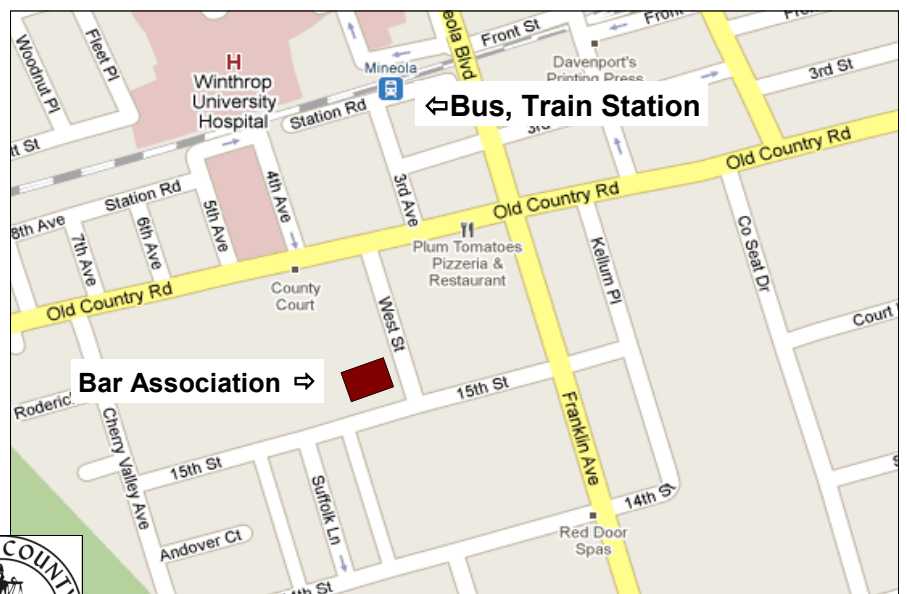
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### **Bridging Long Island Race and Class Divides on Economic Justice – Session A ONLY**

*This workshop will discuss the intersection between race and class and how it impacts and determines our relationship to power, privilege and economic justice. Workshop panelists will discuss local strategies.*

### **Widening the Movement for Workers' Rights on Long Island – Session B ONLY**

*This workshop will profile current union and community organizing campaigns as well as union efforts around economic development to connect labor issues with the interests of the wider public.*

### **Messaging Economic Justice So It Resonates with the Public (repeated twice) – Session A & B**

*This interactive workshop will lift up strategies for framing and messaging economic justice in order to effectively talk about income inequality, galvanize a base, and isolate opposition.*

### **How Congregations Can Dialogue & Advocate to Support Immigrant Justice (Part 1&2)**

**– Session A & B** (must attend both)

*This workshop will use the Fairfield University toolkit “One Parish/One Community” as well as JwJ faith immigration toolkits to help congregations speak about, organize and advocate for comprehensive immigration reform.*

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NCC will once again be hosting a theology pre-event focused around the theme of Ecumenical Advocacy Days. It will be on Friday April 21, 1pm-4pm. Please plan on attending if you will be in town for EAD.

<https://advocacydays.org/2017-confronting-chaos/pre-conference-event/>

## The Theology of the Beloved Community

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

*Sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ*

Christians gathering at the 2017 Ecumenical Advocacy Days will be lifting their voices in response to what Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called the three triplets of Materialism, Militarism, and Racism. We only have to be familiar with the headlines of the past few months to know that these three ills are realities in our society, and on the hearts and minds of people of faith as we move into a new political climate. But what is the theological basis for our message when it comes to the struggle against these evils? This workshop will analyze the Christian foundations of our common work to create the "Beloved Community" where the social, political, and economic rights of all are respected and people are able to realize their full potential as children of God.

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Suffolk County Community College – The Grant  
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3PM – 7 PM.

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### **"SHRIMP BOATS ARE A 'COMIN"**

Well, not exactly shrimp boats, but there will be a SHRIMP BOIL on Sat., April 8 from 6 to 10 pm at the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, 1845 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. This will be a Louisiana- style Shrimp Boil, with shrimp, corn on the cob, sausage, onions and potatoes. Beer & soda will be served as well as coffee, tea and desserts. There will be a 50/50 Raffle. The proceeds from this event will go toward funding a trip for some of our members to the Back Bay Mission. Back Bay Mission is a community ministry of the United Church of Christ located in Biloxi, Mississippi. Back Bay Mission strengthens neighborhoods, seeks justice and transforms lives through a variety of ministries that meet the immediate needs of the poor, the homeless and marginalized and helps people become self-sustaining. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information or tickets, please call the church office at 516-785-1829.



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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Islamic center of Long Island wishes to express its sincere and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all, who, in whatever way, small or big, visible or invisible, contributed to the success and growth of this institution. We pray that as you help this institution grow in its development and services to the community and to the cause of peace and justice, that Allah (SWT), in turn bless you and your families abundantly, both in this world and the hereafter. *Ameen*

# **Islamic Center of Long Island**

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# Honoring Muslim Women in Our Community

In my book, “**Story of a Mosque in America**” which describes the development of ICLI, I devoted chapter 9 to the role of women in the Mosque and tried to answer the very frequently asked question: “Why do Muslims treat women so poorly”. I described the four distinct phases of the growth of Islam. First, in the seventh century Arab society in which the religion of Islam was established. The second phase in the early centuries of Islam, when the teachings of Quran and the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) took hold within the community resulting in rapid and unprecedented expansion and growth of the Muslim empire. This was followed by the third phase of the great decline(1200-1900) followed by the current and fourth phase of contemporary period of resurgence.

During the early Islam women played an active role at home, on the battlefield and in the Mosque. They were equal partners in the emerging society and were engaged in public policy and debate.



In the book chapter I described the role of women in my own family in Kashmir, my grandma Khurshaappa born in 1879 did not receive any formal education, my mom Sara born in 1905 received formal education to fifth grade, my oldest sister Misra Maryam born in 1925 graduated from high school, my other sister Mumtaz born in 1940 graduated from medical school and my daughter Shireen born in 1973 graduated with Masters in Child Psychology. The reason for this wide divergence in education within our family was simply related to the environment that was prevailing and the education opportunities available in Kashmir. In the event honoring Muslim women two of the honorees are my wife Arfa an accomplished physician, teacher, researcher and home maker and my niece the trend setter Daisy. So, it should be clear that the lack of education and opportunities for Muslim women results from environmental circumstances rather than restrictions attributed to Islam.

**Current Realities: Heads of State:** Following is a list of eight Muslim women who have served as heads of state over past three decades - Benazir Bhutto (Pakistan), Khaleda Zia (Bangladesh), Sheikh Haseena (Bangladesh), Megawati Sukarnoputri (Indonesia), Roza Otunbayeva (Kyrgyzstan), Atifete Jahjaga (Kosovo), Madior Boye (Senegal), and Tansu Ciller (Turkey).

**Why Today's Event?** - The long term planning committee (LTPC) of ICLI, felt that honoring the Muslim women in our community would be a welcome event, an antidote for Islamophobia, and would provide a 'boost' for the morale of the Muslims who are confronted with rising Islamophobia in USA. Also, the honorees would serve as "role models" for the younger generation. The catalyst for the event was the election of Dr. Isma Chaudhry as the first female president of ICLI for the term 2015-2017. This event provides an 'evidence based' answer and rebuttal to the prevailing stereotypes regarding the "oppression" of Muslim women. A quick glance through the booklet will introduce the highly accomplished Muslim women who are making a big difference in the fields of education, medicine, arts, culture, media, family life, business, human rights, chaplaincy, interfaith outreach and the growth and development of ICLI. Due to logistic challenges the LTPC had to set some basic guidelines for selection and the women profiled represent a small sample of what the American Muslim women are doing and accomplishing at the grass root level.

My special thanks to Srs Seema Rehman and Sara El Talib, Brs Sohail Nabi, Rizwan Qureshi and Habeeb Ahmed who put in a great effort in arranging this event.

**Prof. Faroque A Khan, MB, MACP—Chair ICLI Long Term Planning Committee.**

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## The Status of Women in Islam

Islam is a religion which recognizes the equal status of men and women in the eyes of God, as is attested by numerous passages in the Holy Qur'an. The most fundamental aspect of this status is the unity of the human spirit in which both genders share. God, Allah in Arabic says,

***“O mankind! Be careful of your duty to your Lord Who created you from a single soul and from it created its mate and from them twain hath spread abroad a multitude of men and women. Be careful of your duty toward Allah in Whom ye claim (your rights) of one another, and toward the wombs (that bare you).” (Al-Nisa’:1)***

Similarly, He has made clear on more than one occasion the spiritual equality of men and women in matters of religious worship, considering solely the sincerity of their acts of worship and piety. Instead of paying any attention to the gender (or ethnicity or class) of the worshipper, Allah has made the standard for acceptance of one's worship the degree of reverence, sincerity, and purity of heart exhibited by the worshipper. As He says in his Holy Book,

***“O mankind! Lo! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware.” (Al-Hujuraat: 13).***

Indeed, it may be said that not only are the genders equal in their servitude to the Almighty, but indeed all of creation presents itself before Him as simply a servant:

***“There is nothing in the heavens and the earth but that it will come to the All-Merciful as a servant.” (Maryam: 93).***

The matter is no different in terms of legal obligations, and the rewards and punishments that accrue from those obligations. The very structure of legality in the Shari'ah is based on a reciprocity which recognizes the importance of according equality to women. As the Qur'an says ***“And women shall have rights similar to the rights against them, according to what is equitable.” (Al-Baqarah: 228).***

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) came with a message to expressly state that, *“Women are the sisters of men.” (Sunan Abu Dawud, Sunan Tirmidhi).*

Unfortunately, it has become common to think of Islam as precisely the means by which women are oppressed, whereas it is obvious to any clear-minded historian that the place of women in the medieval period was much stronger in the Islamic world than it was in the Western world. There are now, however, a number of allegations levelled against Islamic thought, culture and civilization with regards to particular women's issues. As we have seen above, the Islamic worldview is based closely on a conception of male-female relations which stresses the importance of women, and values their contributions to society. It is then not surprising that the particularities of Islamic law reflect this status accorded to women, and in fact honor them for their particularities and specificities. This is the basis for a healthy family arrangement: one in which roles and responsibilities are well understood, and antagonism between the sexes is not seen as a natural state of affairs, but rather a divergence from the ideal which both sides must work towards minimizing and overcoming. This reflects a deep equality and harmony between the sexes which is not accounted for when one focuses on superficial expressions of sameness or identity.





Women's rights in Islam are well preserved and highly appreciated. Respecting the intellectual contribution of women and their political abilities to hold public offices at equal footing with men is a granted right for women in Islam and a distinguishing feature of the Islamic civilization. Islamic history has seen more than fifty examples of female rulers throughout different time periods and empires, such as Sitt al-Mulk in Egypt, Queens Asma' and Arwa in Yemen, Zaynab al-Nafzawiya in al-Andalus in Spain, Sultana Radia in Delhi, Shajarat al-Durr in Egypt and Syria, Aisha al-Hurra in al-Andalus in Spain just to name a few. This is no doubt a consequence of the Prophet's affirmation of women's participation in public life, learning institutions, the police (hisba), hospitals, and the marketplace.

It is only natural that if the woman was given an equal right of participating in public life and to assume high political offices, the right to choose how to live her private life and with whom she shares this life is a basic right. Women have the right to choose their husbands and it is legally impermissible for the girl's family to force her into a wedlock that she hates. Similarly the woman has the right to end this wedlock and seek divorce. Islam prohibited transgression against any of His creation and therefore God taught us mercy towards everything starting from inanimate beings to plants and animals and ending with the vibrant and dignified humans.

Mercy upon women was highly emphasized and Prophet Muhammad kept reminding Muslims of how they should treat women by saying "be merciful to women and treat them softly".

When it comes to the issue of inheritance and the claims leveled against Islam that women take unequal shares, we need to bear in mind that distributing shares of inheritance is based on three key factors and none of them has to do with gender of the heir perse. The three elements has to do with the degree of kinship of the heir to the deceased so the closer the heir is to the deceased the higher share he or she gets regardless of the gender. The second element has to do with the generation to which the heir belong to so usually grandchildren take more than grandparents as they encounter future responsibilities. The third factor is the only factor affected by gender and it is in this category alone that shares of inheritance differ according to gender. When the individuals in a group of heirs are equal in both their relation to the deceased and their age, the male son of the deceased receives twice as much as the female daughter of the deceased. The wisdom behind this arrangement is as follows: the male is responsible for the financial upkeep of his wife and children, whereas his sister's financial upkeep is the responsibility of an individual other than herself, such as her husband or father. Thus, for all practical purposes, the disparity favors the woman because the wealth she inherits is not applicable to the household expenses and is hers to dispense with as she pleases. This financial advantage also protects her from any circumstances that would place her in financial difficulty. Unfortunately, few today understand this finer point of the Muslim inheritance system.

This was only a brief account of the status of women in Islam and I hope this summary would intrigue the appetite of fair-minded researchers to conduct deeper examination in this issue.

### ***Sheikh Ibrahim Negm***

Visiting scholar ICLI

Special advisor to the grand mufti at Al-Azhar university in Cairo, Egypt.



# Isma H Chaudhry

## *President*

### *Islamic Center of Long Island*

Resident of Manhasset, Long Island. Physician by Profession. Mother of two, Isma Chaudhry has been involved with the Islamic Center of Long Island for the past 18 years. In her volunteering capacity at ICLI nothing was too small or too big for her. Her motivation and aspiration was to please Allah (SWT).

Her interests have been youth faith based development programs, building bridges, celebrating ethnic diversity, Interfaith and Dawa initiatives. From 2001 to 2004 she was actively involved with the ICLI Sunday school and helped develop curriculum, and setting up the library. She was also one of the founding members of ICLI Sunday School PTA.

As an interfaith activist, she was in the forefront, supporting ICLI's Interfaith and Dawa initiatives by giving lectures about Islam to Elderhostel and other groups, Islam 101 in public, parochial, and independent schools, as well as in the Libraries, community centers and colleges. She set up and formalized ICLI's first speakers' Bureau and put together in-service curricula, which are taught in several Long Island Public schools, developed and taught several courses on cultures of South East Asia, conducted seminars and town hall meetings on Rights of Muslim Women, Sharia and Civil Liberties for all. She had the honor to represent the Islamic perspective in Art, architecture, Sharia, women's role in Islam and numerous others in various interfaith forums and panels.

Her service to ICLI involved, serving as a board member from 2002 to 2005, as Vice President and member of Governance and Grievance committee of ICLI from 2005 to 2008, as Vice Chair ICLI Board 2008 to 2010, and President Elect 2011 to 2013. Dr. Chaudhry will be serving the community as the first female president of the Islamic Center of Long Island starting January 2015.

Outside ICLI she has served the local community as Co chair Board of Trustees Long Island WINS, Member Nassau County Anti Bias Task Force, Member Board of trustees The Interfaith Alliance of Long Island, and Advisor Nassau County Council for Asian Affairs

#### **Vision for ICLI**

She is excited and looks forward to working towards making ICLI a center of excellence in facilitating religious guidance in accordance with the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet (SAW). Building bridges of tolerance between ICLI and other religious and non-religious organizations and academic institutions. Bringing the community together with respect and tolerance for members with different point of views. Making ICLI a center where elders of the community have a special place of respect and a safe haven for the youth where they get the religious education, and helping them to become leaders of the future. Making ICLI a strong financially independent institution, and supporting ICLI's Long term Financial Initiatives Insha-Allah.



***“O Mankind, keep your duty to your Lord who created you from a single soul and from it created its mate (of same kind) and from them twain has spread a multitude of men and women” (Quran 4: 1).***

## Dr. Arfa Khan

Arfa Khan graduated as valedictorian from Government Medical College, Kashmir in 1965 after which she specialized in Diagnostic Radiology with sub specialization in Thoracic Radiology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New York where she continues to remain on staff as chief of thoracic radiology and professor of radiology at Hofstra North shore –LIJ School of Medicine. Dr. Arfa Khan is a fellow of American College of Radiology. She has received several teaching awards, mentored numerous young physicians, organized and presented at national and international meetings, published over a hundred scientific papers and three book chapters. She has made numerous presentations at national and international meetings. In 1982 Dr. Khan was one of the founding members of American Society of Thoracic Radiology which has now become the premier organization for thoracic radiologists. Dr. Khan has been listed as a ‘top doc’ by Newsday and other agencies.



Dr. Arfa Khan’s involvement with Islamic Center of Long Island (ICLI) began as a volunteer Sunday school teacher when her children Arif and Shireen attended the ICLI weekend school. She remained actively involved in the development and formation of ICLI and was one of its founding members. She served on the executive committee as treasurer and later as vice president. Dr. Khan was the founder and chair of the ICLI first fund raising committee, on which she served for over a decade, she helped establish the annual fund raising dinner program. More recently she has served as a board member of ICLI.

Dr. Arfa Khan is a life member of the Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA) and has served on its executive committee, membership committee and more recently as a member of the board of trustees.

Dr. Arfa Khan is happily married to Dr Faroque Khan for 48 years.

## Tanveer P. Mir MD, MACP

Tanveer P. Mir MD, MACP, graduated as valedictorian from the Govt. Medical college in Kashmir in 1981. After completing her training in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics in New York she obtained additional training in palliative care and served in leadership positions at several large New York hospitals. She was credited with development of several innovative programs within her specialty for which she received many awards. She has held faculty appointments at State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine, NYU School of Medicine, Hofstra-NSLIJ School of Medicine. She is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the NYU School of Medicine. She has publications to her name in the form of abstracts, articles, book-chapters and web-based materials on a variety of Medical Topics and has been the recipient of many teaching awards.



Tanveer is a Master of the American College of Physicians (an honor bestowed upon less than 1% of physicians) and is completed her two terms as a member of the Board of Regents. She has served in a variety of leadership positions both in New York State chapter of ACP and nationally in the ACP, and has served as the Chair of the International Council of the ACP which oversees all ACP international activities. She is currently the Chair-Elect and will assume her position as Chair BOR role in April 2015 at the Centennial celebration and Annual Session of the ACP in Boston—a unique distinction indeed.

**ICLI:** Tanveer has been involved at ICLI since her arrival to the US in 1989, and has been involved in the growth and development of the center in various capacities. She has participated and delivered several lectures related to healthcare and Islamic Bioethics, and End-of-life issues at ISNA, ICLI, Hofstra University and IMANA over the past twenty years or so. The Islamic Medical Association of North America in its journal JI-MA profiled Dr. Tanveer Mir as someone who has done the “extraordinary”, a well-deserved recognition.



## Dr. Farida Khan

After graduating from medical school in India Dr. Farida Khan and her husband Dr. Jamil Khan migrated to USA in 1969. She received advanced training in medicine and endocrinology in Brooklyn, New York and on completion of her training was appointed to the staff of Jewish Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn where she served as vice chairman of department of medicine (DOM) till 1995.

Since 1995 Dr. Farida Khan has served on the staff of Methodist hospital in Brooklyn where she served as vice chairman of the DOM, associate program director for training of internal medicine trainees and as chief of the division of endocrinology.

In 2010 Dr. Farida Khan took “partial” retirement from her multiple responsibilities and currently she directs the medical student training and continues as a consultant in endocrinology. Dr. Farida Khan has served as a faculty member of the State university of New York at Downstate, Weil Cornell Medical Center and at St. George’s University in Granada.

Dr. Farida Khan is one of the founding members of ICLI, she played a key role in the early development of ICLI in its programs, byelaws and the building. She served as a weekend Sunday school teacher when her son Faiz and daughter Faiza were ICLI students. Over the years she served on the ICLI education committee, Domestic Harmony Foundation and also as a vice president of ICLI. Currently she is involved in the ICLI/IMANA health initiative which focusses on enhancing access to health care. Dr. Farida Khan and her husband Jamil have been great supporters of ICLI since its humble beginnings in 1984.

Dr. Farida Khan is blessed with son Dr. Faiz Khan, who serves as Imam at special ICLI events—Eid etc. and daughter Faiza and she is blessed with five grandchildren.



## KAUSAR ZAMAN. M.D., F.A.C.P.

Kausar Zaman was a pioneering force in developing an organized Islamic identity on Long Island. At a time when the community was generally male-dominated and the role of women was not well established, Kausar’s involvement was unprecedented. Despite having a successful Pediatric practice and a busy family life, Kausar brought endless energy and enthusiasm to the endeavor of establishing a thriving Muslim community. Her involvement was integral in establishing a greater female presence in the community at large.

As a founding member of Islamic Center of Long Island (ICLI), she helped move the institution through the trials and tribulations of its formative years. When enough money was raised for the construction of the present day mosque, she took initiative to visit other masajid, including the Khoi Center, for ideas about classroom size, ablution areas, burial arrangements etc. As ICLI grew, Kausar served on the Media committee, Fundraising committee, Nominating committee and also as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees. Her commitment to ICLI and the Islamic community on Long Island was far-reaching as she attended school board meetings advocating for inclusion of Eid holidays in school calendars, and urged public libraries and bookstores to acquire and display Islamic books and periodicals.

Kausar is a selfless and passionate advocate of Islam, an ardent supporter of human rights, Muslim rights and rights of Muslim women. She has been a strong proponent and participant in interfaith dialogue which first began with the formation of AMJID. She is passionate about her faith, her community and the common good of all, regardless of gender, religion, race, nationality or disability status.

Besides being the founding member of ICLI, Kausar is a Life Member of Islamic Medical Association, a member of American Medical Association and the Alexander Graham Bell Association of the Deaf.





## Shaida Khan

Mrs. Shaida Khan graduated from Sophia Polytechnic University in Mumbai, India with a Bachelor's degree in Hotel Administration and Food Technology. Since arriving in the United States with her husband, Shaida has been a valuable member of her community and a dedicated volunteer at the Islamic Center of Long Island (ICLI) in Westbury, NY.

Shaida has a passion for learning about different cultures and religions and has developed a reputation as a bridge builder between the ICLI and other communities of faith. She is regularly involved in interfaith dialogues and meetings with Mothers group, especially post 9/11. In 2003 she received the ICLI's President's Community Service Volunteer Award.

From 1993-1995, Shaida helped the ICLI sponsor eight Bosnian high school students resettle in the United States. She helped place them with families on Long Island and mentored the students until they graduated from high school.

Shaida is former Executive Director of Domestic Harmony Foundation, and currently a Board member. She served as the Chairperson for the Domestic Harmony Committee of the ICLI from 2000 – 2004. Under Shaida's leadership, DHF has been recognized as a model organization within the South Asian and Muslim communities in Long Island. Her commitment and dedication to end domestic violence has won praise both within and outside of the community.

In 2004, she served as a Board member of the Women's Fund of Long Island, which funds programs for the improvement of lives of women as well as women's philanthropy. She also served on the Board of the Islamic Center of Long Island from 2012 to 2014.

Shaida Khan was the recipient of the County Executive's 2009 Women of Distinction Award in recognition of her service, dedication and commitment for making a difference in the Long Island Community.



## Seemi Ahmed

Seemi Ahmed is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic Center of Long Island (ICLI). She is involved in interfaith dialogue and working to build bridges and promote understanding between the various faiths on Long Island through her involvement with The Multi Faith Forum. She gives lectures on Islam for college and high school student and teachers groups; at universities, churches, synagogues, libraries etc. to counter misconceptions about her faith.

She is a Muslim chaplain at Hofstra University where she is involved in youth counseling; interfaith events and activities with the MSA (Muslim Students Association). Presently Seemi is a chaplain resident pursuing her CPE (clinical pastoral education) at the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System.

She is a member of TIA (The Interfaith Alliance) which is a national organization that aims to protect faith and freedom by respecting individual rights of people of diverse backgrounds. She is also a member of LIAPA (Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives) which is a non-profit nonpartisan activist organization providing educational programs on peace and national security issues. As co-chair of the New York chapter of Muslim Peace Coalition (a grassroots alliance formed to combat the evils of War, Terrorism and Islamophobia) Seemi helped organize a day long retreat at ICLI to train Muslim peace activists. This retreat included an interfaith component and attracted an impressive turnout of interfaith leaders, clergy, labor union leaders etc.

Seemi is a long time member of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) which helps to provide college education to bright and interested students, who cannot afford it, at Cotter College. Seemi has received "Peacemaker of the Year" award by Pax Christi as well as the "Women's Leadership Award" from Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray. She has a B.S. in Psychology and a degree in Computer Science.



## Safia Hameed

Like many immigrant Muslim families with young children in the USA, faced with the challenge of providing them with religious education and Islamic values, my husband and I and our three children joined ICLI in the eighties.

My name is Safia Hameed and I am a physicist, I earned my doctorate at the University of Manchester in England and have had a challenging and fulfilling career at the American Institute of Physics, first as a Staff Scientist, and later as a Senior Scientist and Manager of a Division.

Like all working mothers, I juggled my time between career and family. I would not be able to have a successful career, bring up three children and volunteer at ICLI without the help, encouragement and support of my husband Sultan Hameed.

My experience of volunteering at ICLI has been extremely positive. I was elected Vice President of ICLI in 1987 and was the first woman Vice President. During my tenure, Dr. Faroque Khan was the President of ICLI. I had the honor of being present at the ground breaking ceremony for the current building of ICLI.

I am one of the founding members of the Domestic Harmony Committee, where I served as a family counselor for five years. I also served on the Zakat Committee of ICLI.

ICLI's 1999 Annual Report was a pioneering effort. This was the first electronically composed annual report produced in color and listed its myriad of activities. In this effort, Waqar Farooqi and Seemi Ahmed assisted me.

To raise awareness of physical fitness among Muslim women, I helped establish and participated in aerobic classes for women at ICLI.



## Rani Munawer

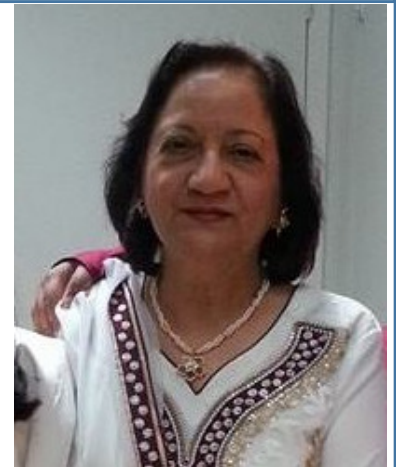
Wife of Late Shaikh Munawer ( one of the founders of ICLI) who made every effort to built up this center. I have one son Asim and 3 grandchildren who go to Sunday School. I worked in my husband's apparel business and still am the Vice President of the Company.

When Asim was five years old I was desperately looking for a Sunday School where he could meet other Muslim kids and learn religion. By Allah's Grace, we found out through some friends about Islamic Center which was running from a basement. At that time only a few families with their children attended.

When ICLI was making plans to build the mosque my father passed away, I inherited \$25,000 and I donated the whole amount to ICLI, thinking the center needs more than I. My parents will get the Sadaqah Jariah. Whenever I go for Friday or Taraweeh prayers, I always think this is the right place where I have invested to get Hasana in Duniya and Akihirah, Insha'Allah.

I was volunteering, helping, every Sunday. Once a week or once a month every family would buy snacks for children. We would cook and sell lunches for \$35 per family. This is the way we raised funds. I was in the fundraising and social committee like arranging for Iftars and collecting money from families selling tickets for annual fundraising.

I was offered the Vice President over 25 years ago as well as 3 years back. This year again I was offered to come to the board which I humbly accepted. ICLI has come a long way. Each and every member on the board or not is giving time and working for Allah's sake (Subhan Allah). Allah chooses people whom He thinks can take care of this house. May Allah keep this center flourishing for our children, grandchildren and so on. Ameen.



## Dr. Saima Chaudhry

Dr. Saima Chaudhry currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine at the NSLIJ Health System where she has been working for the past 14 years.

A graduate of New York University Medical School, Dr. Chaudhry completed her internal medicine residency at UCLA Medical Center in California. Her interests in public health and medical education led her to pursue a fellowship with the Robert Wood Foundation and she went on to obtain her Masters in Health Care Administration from UCLA.

As residency program director, Dr. Chaudhry was responsible for the 2010 successful merger of over 11 residency and fellowship programs at NSLIJ, thereby creating the 13<sup>th</sup> largest training program in the country. Dr. Chaudhry oversees the clinical education of over 250 residents and fellows and an additional 250 medical students. Under her leadership over 350 young physicians have gone on to graduate and enter the physician workforce.

She is responsible for managing the provision of clinical outpatient services to over 5000 Medicaid patients who comprise over 15,000 clinic visits per year and tens of thousand of hospitalizations.

She is a full professor at the Hofstra NSLIJ School of Medicine and has published nearly 20 scientific papers and given 40 national lectures and presentations including 2 trips to King Fahd Medical Center in Saudi Arabia. She serves on multiple national committees and was sworn into Governor Cuomo's Council on Graduate Medical Education last year.

In addition to her professional work, she is a member of the ICLI Board of Trustees where she serves as a member of the long range planning committee and helped to establish a Muslim Chaplain for hospitalized patients in the NSLIJ Health System.



## Mrs. Zubeida Lunat

Mrs. Zubeida Lunat came to U.S. in 1973 along with her husband Ibrahim Lunat, a chartered accountant. As civic minded and compassionate individuals, the husband and wife duo became involved early on in South Asian community affairs and support of Islamic institutions by volunteering time and donating funds and quickly became respected members of the community.

The strength and determination of Zubeida became evident after the sudden demise of her beloved husband in 1999. Her unwavering faith in a merciful and compassionate God gave her the understanding and focus needed to take on the responsibility of consoling and helping her then 25 year old son Suleman deal with the loss.

Zubeida did not shrink into a widow with no role to play in society or aspirations of her own; as can be expected of an immigrant South Asian woman even in U.S. Instead, she went about life making a diverse group of friends and doing things that made her happy all the while being a pillar of strength for her family and compassionate towards those who came to her for help.

Over the years, Zubeida Lunat has volunteered and put in countless hours of service to The Muslim Center of New York, Islamic Center of Long Island and Domestic Harmony Foundation. She has been a valued member of ICLI, serving as a Vice –President, Treasurer, Board member and has been active in its fundraising efforts. Zubeida is one of the founding members of Domestic Harmony Foundation, a not-for-profit providing services to victims of Domestic Violence primarily in the South Asian and Muslim immigrant communities in Long Island. She is an integral and invaluable part of DHF serving as an advisor to members, diligent Treasurer and most effective fundraiser. Zubeida is admired by all who know her for her quite strength, integrity, compassion, dedication and commitment to a task undertaken.





## Seema Rahman

Seema Rahman's parents were one of the "founding" families of the Islamic Center of Long Island that had a dream to have a center for Muslim families. She has worked at North Shore University Hospital as Surgical Coordinator/Office Manager for the past 25 years.

Seema has always been involved at the Islamic Center in many ways. When her children were younger, she was one of the parents who helped establish the first Parent-Teacher Organization- PTO at the Sunday School. They organized Eid activities, arranged Ramadhan Iftar, had Spring Fair fundraisers and planned trips for the children. She also helped organize the first ICLI picnic for the community. Seema has been Co-Chair of the Fundraising Committee at ICLI for the past 5 years. She was awarded ICLI's Award for Community Service in 2011. She has served on ICLI's Executive Board as Vice President from 2012-2014 and elected to the Board of Trustees for the term of 2015-17.

Being involved with her children is very important to Seema. She helped start Girl Scout Troops at ICLI when her daughter, Sofia, was young. The troops from Daisy to Ambassador Level are still going strong with enrollment of about 18-20 girls each year. The scouts have organized food drives, toiletries drives, book drives and clothing drives at the masjid. Seema has trained and organized a camping weekend for 75 girl scouts. She is the treasurer for the Girl Scout Carle Place/Westbury Association. She was awarded Volunteer Appreciation Pin from the Girl Scout Council in 2012.

Seema also helped coordinate a Youth Leadership Group for teenagers to keep her children involved with the center. Activities such as community service, speech competitions, and interfaith sessions with churches and temples were done to help the youth become the future leaders of tomorrow.



## Shamim Dam

Ms. Shamim Dam came to USA in 1972 after marrying Naim Dam. She pursued further education in business administration, finance and accounting. Shamim and her husband, Naim, started a small business that flourished and became one of the most successful Ultrasonic Core Sensing Technology company in Hauppauge, New York, which employed over fifty workers in Engineering and Manufacturing field, and held dozens of patents in its field of specialty. Ms. Shamim served as its Chief Financial Officer and joint owner. She actively drove important decisions for the company.

Ms. Shamim served on the Islamic Center of Long Island Board both on the executive committee as a treasurer and also as a member of the board of trustees.. She put her expertise in finances to full use as a member of the annual fund raising dinners for sixteen years. During this period she was active in recruiting new members for ICLI, planned summer camps at ICLI organized ski trips for children and arranged Eid parties etc. Ms Shamim Dam played a key role in establishing the ICLI endowment fund and managed it for few years.

Ms. Shamim Dam is blessed with two children Farheen and Aamir both of whom were active students in the ICLI weekend school. Both children were involved in many ICLI youth activities, Farheen was an active participant in the fund raising for ICLI, she now manages a segment of Cigna's business in California and is blessed with Aydin 7 years old and Raif 3years old. Aamir Dam practices Gastroenterology at the University of Albany Medical Center. Both Farheen and Aamir have close ties with ICLI and Ms. Shamim Dam believes that the ICLI played a big role in the success of both Farheen and Aamir, helped them create a good balance between religion and western culture and created a lot of good memories.



## Peggy Iamunno

Peggy Iamunno is a resident of South Huntington, where she joyfully lives with her husband Magdi Soliman of 25 years and her two children; Eve in her final semester at George Mason University, and Tariq setting out to make his choices about university. Peggy and her family are aligned with the values of Islam, where each member individually pursues social justice through volunteer advocacy work.



Peggy applauds the mission and work of ICLI, and is grateful to them for the important associations and outreach initiatives that she was involved with during her tenure as a member. She served on the Executive Committee, the Parent Teacher Organization of the Sunday School as well as helped in the filming of the Telecare series “Our Muslim Neighbors”. She also celebrates ICLI’s continued growth and thoughtful approach to the state of women in our community and the community at large.

She places great importance in the community's responsibility to develop and grow our girls in confidence and safety so that they have opportunity and happiness and the ability to contribute to their own well being and that of the world around them. Peggy continues to volunteer at Girl Scouts of Nassau County on their fund development committee. In addition, in her professional role as a Chief Compliance and Operations Officer she mentors young women interested in finance compliance and operations, and in career development in general.

## Trikartikaningsih Byas (Kiki)

Trikartikaningsih Byas came from Jakarta, Indonesia and currently resides in Hempstead, NY. She is an Associate Professor of English at Queensborough Community College of City University of New York (CUNY), where she also serves as the Faculty Advisor to the Muslim Student Association.

Sr. Kiki is married ICLI’s president (2012-2014) Eric Hamza Byas and has been a pillar of strength and actively volunteering her efforts in many initiatives. The following are just a few initiatives that she has been actively focusing on:



**Salaam Group.** Coordinate the group’s meetings and activities which are directed towards welcome and assisting new members of the faith.

**Sister Halaqa.** Co-founded the group, helps maintaining the mailing list/yahoo group account, and participates in the weekly discussion.

She oversaw the ICLI relief work after the Tsunami devastated parts of Indonesia. Sr. Kiki identified deserving orphans for support and scholarships and maintained meticulous records with excellent follow up.

Sr. Kiki has also represented ICLI at various interfaith and other community events.

She is presently in the new Executive Committee as a Vice President where she will be actively supporting the newly elected President Isma Chaudhry.



## Rubina Ahmad

Rubina Ahmad currently resides in Voorhess, New Jersey with her husband Ayaz Ahmad. She lived in Bethpage Long Island from 1979 to 1994. During that time she and her family were active members of ICLI and her two children, Noeen & Saad, regularly attended the Sunday school and other activities in ICLI, Westbury center. During that time, Rubina published the monthly ICLI newsletter and was a member of the Sunday School Education Committee. She also served as Vice president and in the ICLI Board for two years.



Rubina is still participates in the community activities in South Jersey and Philadelphia region. She is a director in a non-profit organization, “eLIT” (Empowerment through Learning Information Technology) whose mission is to provide computer education to underprivileged women & children and provide need based scholarships for professional education. Rubina is also a member of Catholic Muslim Dialogue in South Jersey and one of the founding members of a small group called “Tapestry” whose mission is to promote peace and understanding via dialogue between people of multi faith and cultures.

Professionally, Rubina holds a Computer Sciences degree from SUNY at Stoney Brook and works as a Senior Technology Manager for a large Financial Institution. Rubina’s biggest accomplishments in life are raising her two children with religious and moral values and help them become independent in life.

## Nazli Chaudhry

Nazli Chaudhry is known for her years of dedication and hard work in social and gender justice. She has been particularly active in engaging the Muslim-American community with other faith-based communities in meaningful dialogue and community service and youth development. Nazli has previously served on ICLIs Executive Board and Board of Trustees and as Co-Chair of Domestic Harmony Committee.

Nazli has been guided in much of her work by the Hadith, "want for others what you would want for yourself" and Gandhi's message of being the change you wish to see. Nazli has worked tirelessly over the last 15 years with survivors of domestic violence alongside the courageous women champions of the Domestic Harmony Foundation. She has also been a member of the Multifaith Forum of Long Island, speaking before groups about Islam and Muslim-American contributions to society.



She is most proud of her work with ICLI youth, however. She founded ICLI’s Youth Leadership Corps, which provided multiple opportunities for youth to put their faith into action through community service. She coordinated a program called “Unity in the Community” for teens from various socioeconomic backgrounds as well as organized five trips supervising Muslim and Jewish college students who visited Jerusalem to promote understanding, engage in interfaith dialogue and support peace building. In 2011, Nazli was humbled to be named the first Muslim woman to become a Chaplain at Hofstra University. Nazli provided valuable advice and counseling to students and was instrumental in creating interfaith programs. Nazli has represented ICLI locally and nationally, promoting peaceful co-existence among different faiths, and has been profiled in Newsday, Pakistan Voice and Jewish Week. She was featured on the FIOS1 cable program, Heroes of Our Island, for her outstanding community outreach and for creating bridges of understanding.

## A Few Verses Related to Women in The Qur'an

*He (God) it is who did create you from a single soul and therefrom did create his mate, that he might dwell with her (in love)...(Quran 7:189)*

*The Creator of heavens and earth: He has made for you pairs from among yourselves ...(Quran 42:1 1)*

*Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has faith, verily to him will We give a new life that is good and pure, and We will bestow on such their reward according to the their actions. (Quran 16:97, see also 4:124)*

*“And they (women) have rights similar to those (of men) over them, and men are a degree above them.” (Quran 2:228)*

*“And we have enjoined upon man (to be good) to his parents: His mother bears him in weakness upon weakness...” (Quran 31:14) (See also Quran 46:15, 29:8)*

*“Your Lord has decreed that you worship none save Him, and that you be kind to your parents. ..” (Quran 17:23).*





## Dr. Ingrid Mattson

Dr. Ingrid Mattson is the London and Windsor Community Chair in Islamic Studies at Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario in London, Canada. Formerly, she was professor of Islamic Studies, founder of the Islamic Chaplaincy Program and director of the Macdonald Center for Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. She earned her Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from the University of Chicago in 1999. She is the author of *The Story of the Qur'an: Its History and Place in Muslim Life*, as well as numerous articles exploring the relationship between Islamic law and society, gender and leadership issues in contemporary Muslim communities. From 2006-2010 Dr. Mattson served as President of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA); she previously served two terms as Vice-President. Dr. Mattson was born in Canada, where she studied Philosophy at the University of Waterloo, Ontario (B.A. '87). From 1987-1988 she lived in Pakistan where she developed and implemented a midwife-training program for Afghan refugee women. Dr. Mattson is frequently consulted by media, government and civic organizations and has served as an expert witness.



Mattson advocates for a greater public role for Muslim women as religious leaders. When she founded the first accredited graduate program for Muslim chaplains in the US, she insisted that it be open to women. Mattson wears a hijab, but argues that governments should have no authority to enforce religious dress or ban it. Mattson has worked with a Muslim social service agency called Peaceful Families. The group advocates against domestic violence in the Muslim community and argues against interpretations of the Qur'an that permit violence to or discrimination against women. Her work focuses on fostering positive relationships between groups of differing religious faith.

## Sanaa Nadim

Sanaa Nadim graduated at the top of her class from Baruch College and became one of the first female foreign exchange traders on Park Avenue. She worked in the private sector for several years until she moved herself and her family to Long Island, where at Stony Brook University she became the first female Chaplain of any Muslim Student Association in the country. Chaplain Nadim built a name for Muslims across Long Island and de-fogged the confusion behind the faith's beliefs and became the Muslim representative for many new stations such as CNN, ABC and BBC. Her career debuted when Newsday of Long Island published a 6-page cover spread of her accomplishments, involvements and the paramount social changes she initiated for Muslims across the country. She became a host on the very popular public television show, WLIW's Face to Face Faith to Faith, which focused on religious dialogue and issues of multiculturalism. Chaplain Nadim gained even larger attention from the media when she was nominated three times for a position in the United Nations as well as one of the founding board members of the Long Island Multi-faith forum. She has been honored by guests ranging from the King of Morocco and Governor Pataki. Chaplain Nadim currently sits on the advisory board for public television and represents herself and the Muslim community to Congress on Capitol Hill in D.C annually.



Chaplain Nadim has dedicated her life to the public service, refusing prestigious job offerings ranging from Morgan Stanley to educational institutions such as Columbia and Harvard University. Her current agenda involves working with different religious and cultural organizations as well as private and public institutions to continue building bridges among different faith groups to positively enhance the image of Islam through unity and understanding. Recently, Chaplain Nadim met with Pope Benedict XVI and the Grand Sufi Sheik Nazim on the Island of Cyprus, which was published in the New York Times.

## Anisa Mehdi

Emmy Award-winning journalist and filmmaker Anisa Mehdi is a pioneer who's work in mainstream American broadcast news spans three decades. Inspired by her pioneering father Dr. Mohammad T. Mehdi's efforts to amplify the story of Palestine in the USA from the 1960s-1990s, and irked by media bias against that story, she determined to join the corps of reporters and contribute to the conversation on how to cover Arab and Muslim stories both at home and abroad. She has worked for CBS News, New York, Eyewitness News, Boston, PBS, ABC News "Nightline," and National Geographic Television & Film, teaming with Bill Moyers, Ted Koppel, Meredith Vieira, Tom Bettag, John Bredar, Maurice Murad and others. During her career Anisa helped newsrooms expand their roster of contacts to include diverse American Muslim scholars of Islam and American Arab experts on the Middle East. Anisa's award-winning television stories on the arts forged new ground for minority beat reporters in the USA. She is the first American woman to cover the Hajj pilgrimage for broadcast. "Inside Mecca," her acclaimed documentary film on the Hajj, is a staple in religious studies classes across the country. Her most recent film premiered on PBS nationwide in December 2014.



Anisa Mehdi was a 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar in Jordan. She consults to the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art and teaches documentary film at Seton Hall University. Anisa holds degrees from Wellesley College and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She is a trustee of the Esalen Institute and vice chair of the Abraham Path Initiative. Currently an independent producer/director, educator, and writer, Anisa is recognized by the New Jersey Society of Professional Journalists for her insights: "Current events reporting often confuses faith, culture, and politics. Anisa Mehdi helps sort them out."

## Zeyba Rahman

Zeyba Rahman joined the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, an operating foundation of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, in 2013 as senior program officer for the Building Bridges Program and as program officer for the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Arts Program. Rahman manages the Building Bridges Program's national grant making to support projects that promote public understanding and knowledge of current-day Muslim cultures and societies through the arts. In addition to her work with the Building Bridges Program, Rahman oversees the Arts Program's Building Demand for the Arts initiative, which supports joint efforts by organizations and artists to increase demand for jazz, theatre and contemporary dance.

Before joining the foundation, Rahman led internationally and nationally recognized projects as a creative director/producer to promote understanding between diverse communities. The roles she has performed include: director, Asia and North America, Fes Festival of World Sacred Music in Morocco; artistic director, Arts Midwest's Caravanserai: A Place Where Cultures Meet; curator, BAM's Mic Check Hip Hop; creative consultant, Public Programs, Metropolitan Museum of Art's Arab Lands, Turkey, Iran, Central Asia and Later South Asia Galleries; chief curator, Alliance Francaise's World Nomads Morocco Festival; project director, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation/National Endowment for the Arts' Global Cultural Connections; and senior advisor, Muslim Voices Festival.

She is the advisor to Artworks for Freedom, on the nominating committee of the Civitella Foundation in Italy and an advisor to PBS's "Sacred," a documentary series. Twice honored by New York City's government, Rahman is the subject of two television profiles as a global arts leader.



## DAISY KHAN

**Daisy Khan** is Executive Director of the American Society for Muslim Advancement (ASMA), a New York-based non-profit dedicated to strengthening an expression of Islam based on cultural and religious harmony and building bridges between Muslims and the general public. At ASMA, she has led numerous interfaith events like the theater production Same Difference and the Cordoba Bread Fest banquet. She has launched two groundbreaking flagship programs: the Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow (MLT) and Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE), global movements to empower Muslim youth and women.



Khan regularly lectures around the globe and has participated in panels with Christians, Jews, and Buddhists. She has appeared on numerous media outlets, including CNN, Al Jazeera, and BBC World's Doha Debates, and she often contributes to documentaries on Islam and Muslims. She is a weekly columnist for the Washington Post's "On Faith" and is frequently quoted in print publications such as Time Magazine, Newsweek, Chicago Tribune, and the New York Times.

Born in Kashmir, Khan spent twenty-five years as an interior architect for various Fortune 500 companies before committing to full-time community service. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Interfaith Center's Award for Promoting Peace and Interfaith Understanding, Auburn Seminary's Lives of Commitment Award, the Annual Faith Leaders Award, and 21 Leaders for the 21st Century.

## Sarah Sayeed

Sarah Sayeed is currently the Director of Community Partnerships at the Interfaith Center of New York, where she conducts the Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreats for Social Justice, a biannual conference that brings together New York's diverse grassroots religious leaders with secular and city agencies. Since 2010, she has also worked to bring together Catholic and Muslim social service providers in dialogue and joint action.

Sarah is also a long-time board member of Women in Islam, Inc., a social justice and human rights organization dedicated to the empowerment of women through knowledge and practice of Islam. In this role, Sarah helped author the booklet, "Women-Friendly Mosques and Community Centers: Reclaiming Our Heritage" as well as a nationally issued report Women and the American Mosque: Report No. 3 from the U.S. Mosque Study 2011. She recently completed a two year term as President of the board and is now Board Treasurer. She also participates through Women in Islam, Inc. in the ISNA Masjid Development Committee, which is working to revive the Prophetic Masjid.

Sarah's work at the Interfaith Center of New York and with Muslim communities is featured in an online exhibit of the Tribute World Trade Center Visitor Center, titled "Renewing Our American Dream after 9/11." She speaks regularly on Islam, Muslim women, and interfaith relations.

Sarah holds a B.A. in Sociology and Near East Studies from Princeton University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Communication from the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. She also holds a certificate in Reconciliation Leadership through the Institute for Global Leadership and recently participated in the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute (AMCLI) Fellows program.





## Aisha H.L. al-Adawiya

Aisha H.L. al-Adawiya is the founder of Women in Islam, Inc., an organization of Muslim women which focuses on human rights and social justice. This organization evolved in response to the mass rapes and other atrocities committed by the Serbs against the Bosnian Muslim women in the 90's. Ms. al-Adawiya organizes and participates in conferences, symposia and other forums on Islam, Gender Equity, Conflict Resolution, Cross-Cultural Understanding, and Peace Building. She also represents Muslim women's Non-Governmental Organizations at United Nations forums. Ms. Al-Adawiya coordinates Islamic input for the Preservation of the Black Religious Heritage Documentation Project of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. She also serves as a consultant to numerous interfaith organizations and documentary projects on the Muslim American experience. Additionally, she serves on the boards of numerous organizations related to the interests of the global Islamic community. Ms. al-Adawiya is also the current president of KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights.



Aisha al-Adawiya has been a great supporter of the Islamic Center of Long Island. She has participated and spoken at many ICLI educational events focused on role of women in governance, conflict resolution and during Black history month celebrating the role of Br Malik Shabbaz—Malcolm X in the evolution of American Muslim identity. Sr. Aisha represented ICLI on the Telicare TV program Our Muslim Neighbors where she discussed the role of Muslim women in contemporary society.

Sr. Aisha's contributions to the community have been recognized by national organizations like Islamic Society of North America( ISNA) where she is a regular participant at the national ISNA convention.

## Debbie Almontaser

Debbie Almontaser, is the founding and former principal of the Khalil Gibran International Academy. A 23-year veteran of the NYC Public School system, where she has taught special education, trained teachers in literacy, and served as a multicultural specialist and diversity advisor. Currently, Ms. Almontaser is a doctoral student at Fordham University's Graduate School of Education in the Urban School Leadership Program and the Board President of the Muslim Community Network. Ms. Almontaser is a published writer in Education American and Muslim issues such as *The Day Our World Changed: Children's Art of 9/11* for New York University's Child Study Center and the Museum of the City of New York and in *Forever After: New York City Teachers on 9/11* for Teachers College Press, *Muslims and Jews in America: Commonalities, Contentions, and Complexities* Palgrave Macmillan Press, and *Starting Up: Critical Lessons from 10 New Schools* College Press.



Ms. Almontaser served as a consultant to Nickelodeon's Nick Jr. Muslim American Series Project, Independent Production Fund's Islam Project, Islam Access Project Channel 13, the Interfaith Center of NYC, and CAMBA's Diversity Project. Ms. Almontaser was featured in several documentaries New York Voices, *Teaching Tolerance* and Voice of America, *From Yemen to Coney Island: From Teacher to Community Activist*. Ms. Almontaser has been profiled on the front page of the NY Times on the founding of the Khalil Gibran International Academy as well as NY 1, Time Magazine, Newsweek, and profiled in the Daily News for spearheading the inauguration of NYC's Arab Heritage Week in 2005. Ms. Almontaser is the recipient of numerous awards, including ADC National's, Rose Nader Award *Commitment to Values of Equality and Justice*, Pax Christi's *Local Peacemaker Award*. She was also named a Muslim Leader of Tomorrow by the American Society for Muslim Advancement in 2006.

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### **IMPORTANT - DATED MATERIAL**

### **PLEASE POST PROMPTLY**

This Bulletin provides a list of upcoming **open competitive** examinations. Most examinations are open only to Nassau County residents. (Examinations open to non-residents are marked with an asterisk\*). If you want to take any of these examinations, you will need the official Examination Announcement, which gives detailed information on all facets of the examination. Announcements are posted on our website at [www.nassaucivilservice.com](http://www.nassaucivilservice.com), as well as on our bulletin board at 40 Main Street (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) Hempstead, NY.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**ONLINE APPLICATIONS** are available at [www.nassaucivilservice.com](http://www.nassaucivilservice.com) The advantages of filing electronically include the storage of submitted applications in your personal user account and application processing fee payment by credit/debit card.

Additionally, our **Examination Announcements** webpage includes a link entitled **Job Descriptions and Job Interest Cards**, which offers the opportunity to view class specifications and fill out a form so that you may receive an email notification when an open competitive examination for a particular title is announced in the future.

**HARD COPY APPLICATIONS** are available in our office at 40 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hempstead, NY during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:45 PM, Monday thru Friday. To receive a hard copy application by mail, forward to us a stamped (70¢), self-addressed 4" x 9" envelope, which we must receive at least five days before the filing deadline (write Exam No, and title on the back flap).

**EXAMINATION DATE: May 13, 2017**

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO: March 29, 2017**

Exam #	Job Title	Announced For	Salary	Fee
63-964	Assistant Housing Project Manager	Nassau County Housing Authorities		\$40.00.
68-003	Automotive Parts Storekeeper	Nassau County Departments, School Districts, Board of Cooperative Educational Services, and Towns of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay	Varies: County: \$27,859 - \$63,337.	\$40.00
68-864	Buyer/Buyer I	Nassau County Departments, School Districts, Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Villages, Towns of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, and Nassau Health Care Corporation	Varies: County: \$37,724 - \$86,169.	\$40.00

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68-782	<b>Buyer Trainee</b>	Towns of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay	Varies according to jurisdiction.	\$40.00
67-537	<b>Code Enforcement Inspector Trainee</b>	Nassau County Villages	Varies according to jurisdiction.	\$40.00
67-739	<b>Code Enforcement Inspector Trainee, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking)</b>	Nassau County Villages	Varies according to jurisdiction.	\$40.00
68-096	<b>Complaint Investigator</b>	Nassau County Villages	Varies according to jurisdiction.	\$40.00
68-105	<b>Complaint Investigator Trainee, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking)</b>	Nassau County Villages	Varies according to jurisdiction.	\$40.00
68-104	<b>Complaint Investigator, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking)</b>	Nassau County Villages	Varies according to jurisdiction.	\$40.00
67-745	<b>Consumer Affairs Investigator I</b>	Office of Consumer Affairs, Nassau County	\$29,902 - \$67,910.	\$40.00
67-780	<b>Consumer Affairs Investigator I, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking)</b>	Office of Consumer Affairs, Nassau County	\$29,902 - \$67,910.	\$40.00
68-342	<b>Early Intervention Service Coordinator I</b>	Department of Health, Nassau County	\$37,724 - \$86,169.	\$40.00

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68-357	<b>Early Intervention Service Coordinator I, Bilingual (Spanish Speaking)</b>	Department of Health, Nassau County	\$37,724 - \$86,169.	\$40.00
69-594	<b>Mental Health Counselor</b>	Nassau Health Care Corporation	\$39,597 - \$78,485.	\$40.00
67-899	<b>Psychiatric Social Worker I</b>	Nassau County Departments and Nassau Health Care Corporation	Varies: County: \$37,724 - \$86,169; NHCC: \$36,494 - \$76,059.	\$40.00
61-919	<b>Purchasing Agent/Purchasing Agent (Village)/Technical Coordinator, Purchase</b>	Nassau County Departments, School Districts, School District Libraries, Villages, Board of Cooperative Educational Services, and Nassau Health Care Corporation	Varies: County: \$49,275 - \$111,020; NHCC: \$52,097 - \$108,382.	\$40.00
66-770	<b>Social Work Assistant I</b>	Nassau County Departments and Nassau Health Care Corporation	Varies: County: \$32,210 - \$73,508; NHCC: \$31,448 - \$64,883.	\$40.00
68-004	<b>Warehouse Supervisor</b>	Nassau County Departments and Towns of North Hempstead and Oyster Bay	Varies: County: \$29,902 - \$67,910.	\$40.00

**NOTE:** BEFORE FILING FOR AN EXAMINATION BE SURE TO REVIEW A COPY OF THE DETAILED EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU MEET THE ANNOUNCED REQUIREMENTS. THE FOREGOING IS FOR INFORMATIVE PURPOSES AND DOES NOT PURPORT TO DESCRIBE COMPLETELY AN EXAMINATION LISTED.

**FEE: NON-REFUNDABLE** Processing Fee must be submitted for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. For online applications, this fee **must** be paid by credit or debit card.

For hard copy applications, a certified bank check or money order (include examination number(s)) **MADE PAYABLE TO NASSAU COUNTY** must be submitted with your application. **NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** CAREFULLY REVIEW THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ON THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO ENSURE THAT YOU MEET THEM, AS THIS IS A **NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE**. Applications submitted without proper payment will be rejected without review.

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**APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, it may be requested in the following ways:**

**ONLINE APPLICATION:** When prompted to submit the application processing fee, choose the **Fee Waiver** option. Follow the directions regarding downloading and submitting the required fee waiver form.

**HARD COPY APPLICATION:** complete a **"Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification"** form (available in our office) and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement.

### **SYMBOL LEGEND**

- \* THIS EXAMINATION IS OPEN TO BOTH NON-RESIDENTS AND LEGAL RESIDENTS OF NASSAU COUNTY.
- # QUALIFYING WRITTEN EXAMINATION (FINAL RATING DETERMINED BY EVALUATION OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE).
- ! NO WRITTEN EXAMINATION (RATING DETERMINED BY EVALUATION OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE).

**PLEASE LOOK FOR THE SEPARATE BULLETIN LISTING CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS**

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